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Most Seats Filled In Student Senate

By Rick Schettler
Bulletin Assistant News Editor

No one ran for Senate in Ball Hall this year. There are 2 empty seats in Willard Hall, and 12 empty slots for commuting students. Cusis, however, had a perfect voter turnout in the Senate elections which were held on Monday, Sept. 5 and Tuesday, Sept. 6.

According to Rules and Procedures Co-Chairperson Jim Anderson, any of the empty seats can be filled.

"It is not essential that these seats be filled right now. If someone is willing to [fill these seats], we'll be happy to have them here," Anderson said. The Senate election results are as follows:

Alvey Hall
Aaron Zielinski
Alanna Weaver
Mark Woodworth

Mason Hall
Tiffany Smith
Kathryn Birmingham
Nathan Hurto
Kimberly Bohle

Virginia Hall
Betsy Maldonado
Elise Balkin
Sara Coggins
Christina Spiker

Bushnell Hall
Thomas Dodson
Frederick Speers
Matthew Galeone

Mercer Hall
Emily Duquette

Westmoreland Hall
Kinney Horn
Allison Andrews

Custis Hall
Rick Oppedisano
Stacy Dewalt

New Hall
Ben Sutton
Joe Porter
Chris Stewart

Willard Hall
Tim Bryner
Jim Turmes

Jefferson Hall
Richard Gurz
Jennifer Gorman
Estella Ruggiero
Rebecca Earle

Randolph Hall
Beth Moss
Michael D'ostilio
David Modzeleski

Brent
Nicole Nash

Tyler
Maura Kurtz

Madison Hall
Jeanne Floyd

Russell Hall
Mike Hurt
Jesse Freese
Carolyn Stanton

Fairfax
Courtney Ackers

Marshall Hall
Laura Coco
Annmarie Hirst
Scott Wise

South Hall
Tim McDonald

Framar
Dan Tobin

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Allen Appoints Supporters To BOV

By Beth McConnell
Special to the Bulletin

Distributing political favor to his supporters this summer, Virginia Governor George Allen filled three empty spots on the Mary Washington College Board of Visitors with two Republicans who were active in Allen's 1993 campaign.

The governor disregarded two of the Alumni Association nominations, according to Marjorie Poysck, executive assistant to President William Anderson and former president of the Alumni Association. Allen did reappoint BOV Building and Grounds Committee Chairwoman Jean Hanky, whom the association recommended.

The Alumni Association recommended the reappointment of Nanalou Souders, a former BOV member; Sylvia McJilton-Woodcock and Todd Stottlemeyer, a Northern Virginia businessman who married and MWC alumnus," she said.

The Code of Virginia, Title 23, Chapter 9.2, states that the Alumni Association may nominate candidates, but the governor is not limited to his appointments to the person so nominated.



Brendan Kelly/Bullet

At a speech on Sept. 2 at Fredericksburg's City Hall, Virginia Governor George Allen spoke to a crowd of supporters and protesters. Allen urged the importance of eliminating parole for repeat offenders.

The Code also states that any citizen may write to the governor to nominate someone to the MWC Board of Visitors. The Governor makes his selection, either from candidates nominated by the Alumni Association or citizens, or from people he knows. The appointees each serve a four-year term. The General Assembly must then approve the appointments, though this usually does not happen until after the new members take office in June, because

the next meeting of the General Assembly is in January of the following year, according to Poysck. "It's not so much as why they were not picked as they were strong Allen supporters," said Poysck on why the Alumni Association nominees were not chosen.

Allen chose Fredericksburg resident Martha Hearn and Fairfax Board of Supporters employee Rita Thompson to replace former members Grace Norbrey and

Nanalou Souders, whose terms expired in June 1994. He also appointed Loudoun Deputy Sheriff Vince Di Benedetto to fulfill Fredericksburg businessman Larry Silver's unexpired term. Poysck said Silver resigned in April due to business conflicts with board meeting times.

"[Silver] felt he couldn't give enough time to the board," Poysck

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Senate Debate Draws Students And Faculty

By Terry Kidd
and Sara Grant
Special to the Bulletin

In anticipation of a lively fall campaign, more than 30 Mary Washington College students attended the Virginia Senatorial Debate Tuesday, Sept. 6 at Hampden-Sydney College.

The debate featured all four major candidates for the U.S. Senate seat up for election Nov. 8: Democratic Incumbent Senator Charles Robb; Independents H. Douglas Wilder, former governor of Virginia and Marshall Coleman, former attorney general of Virginia; and Republican candidate Retired Lt. Colonel Oliver North. Political media pundit Mark Rozell, MWC associate professor of political science, and Assistant Professor of Political Science Steve Fischer, joined organizers from the department of political science and the College Republicans for the nearly two-hour debate.

Senior Mark Duffy said that the evening gave different sides advantages. "It turned out to be a chance for the candidates to beat up on Clinton through Robb. North won," Duffy said. "He held his own despite a controversial background and continued to earn the support of the audience."

Senior Kathy Gibby believed that the audience had definite ideas about the candidates from the start. "The audience was stacked against Robb from the beginning. It would have been difficult for him to win over a whelming support."

Rozell said, "Nobody won. Robb did better protecting himself, he went on the attack and was much more aggressive. He also had the most memorable gaff of the evening."

Sophomore Andy Buchanan believed Robb worsened his position by stating that he "would take food from the mouths of widows and orphans" to make the difficult but necessary changes to repair America's

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Civil Rights Legend: No Longer Just A Visitor



Jason Kozma/Bullet

James Farmer, the sole survivor of the "Big Four" leaders of the Civil Rights Movement, came to MWC after a distinguished life spent fighting for civil rights. During his annual "State of the College Address" on August 18, President William Anderson spoke about the possibility of Farmer being promoted to Distinguished Professor. "Over the years many students have questioned or misunderstood the 'Visiting' part of Dr. Farmer's title. Isn't he a full-fledged member of the faculty, they asked? Well, indeed he is, and therefore, to clear up this misconception I will recommend to the Board of Visitors at their next meeting that Dr. Farmer's title be changed to Distinguished Professor," Anderson said. "I can't think of any being made of flesh who doesn't feel good about being promoted," Farmer said.

Spouse Equivalency Decision Halted In Committee

By Kelly Regan
Bulletin Staff Writer

The Faculty Affairs Committee remains undecided over the issue of spouse equivalency after its preliminary meeting Aug. 29 and remained unvoted on in the Sept. 7 faculty meeting.

"Spouse equivalency" is the practice of extending the same benefits and privileges to the partner of a gay or lesbian faculty member as are received by the spouse of a heterosexual faculty member. According to Donald Rallis, associate professor of geography, the college does currently issue spouse identification cards, required for access to library and recreational facilities, to the domestic partners of gay or lesbian employees.

The pending question rests on whether or not to extend equal health coverage as granted to spouses of heterosexual workers. Neither Rallis nor Craig Vasey, associate professor of philosophy, who proposed the measure last spring to the faculty, were surprised by the stalemate of the committee.

"It is a difficult issue which requires the committee to come to a clear view on the issue and make it workable before bringing it up before the entire faculty," Vasey said. "The faculty floor can sometimes get nasty, and the committee needs to make a workable, foresightful solution for debate."

Under the Vasey-Rallis plan, the domestic partner of a gay or lesbian employee would be eligible for spousal equivalent health and dental benefits if the partner and employee share a common residence for at least four consecutive months and intend to do so indefinitely, consider themselves life partners, share joint responsibility for their common welfare and are financially interdependent.

"The key issue is that if the institution officially says that it does not discriminate, it needs to adjust policies to reflect that stance or it is hypocritical," Rallis said, citing the 1991 addition of "sexual orientation" to the college's Statement of Nondiscrimination.

"If the college refused to provide health benefits to the spouse of an employee because he or she was black it would be completely unacceptable, no matter whether it be race, gender, or sexual orientation, the college needs to be held accountable," Rallis said.

However, some faculty members disagree with the Rallis-Vasey proposal, including Stephen Stageberg, associate professor of economics.

"It is a mistake for the college to have begun issuing spouse ID cards to homosexual faculty," Stageberg said. "We have no business in redefining the family on this campus."

Professor of Biology Stephen Fuller agrees with Stageberg.

"[Recognizing spousal equivalent health care] symbolizes a breakdown in the traditional mother-father led family and the moral fiber of the U.S.," Fuller said.

Fuller also noted that regardless of the faculty affairs committee's judgment, "The issue and make it workable before bringing it up before the entire faculty," Vasey said. "The faculty floor can sometimes get nasty, and the committee needs to make a workable, foresightful solution for debate."

Even if the faculty reached a consensus on granting benefit privileges to homosexual employees, the college may not be able to gain state funding for such a program, according to Shelli Short, assistant vice president of personnel services and affirmative action officer.

"It is not up to the institution which benefits are offered to same sex partners, because benefits are decided by the governor's office," Short said.

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News Briefs

* The last day to drop classes without penalty ends Monday, Sept. 12. Withdraw passing/withdrawing will run from Tuesday, Sept. 13 to Friday, Oct. 28.

* Mary Washington College Police is presenting R.A.D. (Rape Aggression Defense) classes to women only. The classes will be held in September on Sunday and Thursday evenings only from 7 p.m. - 10 p.m. Classes are free to MWC students and \$15 for non-students. Call the College Police at 899-4634 for information or to register.

* Find out how to get involved in the community at COAR's Agency Fair on Monday, Sept. 12 from 7 p.m. - 9 p.m. in the Great Hall in the Campus Center.

* Career Services is offering a Resume Writing Workshop on Monday, Sept. 12 from 6 p.m. - 7:15 p.m. and an Interviewing Skills Workshop on Thursday, Sept. 15 from 4 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. Sign up by calling 899-4626.

* The Rappahannock Big Brothers/Big Sisters' Annual Bowl for Kids' Sake will be held on Saturday, Sept. 24 at the AMF Fredericksburg Bowl. A minimum \$30 pledge allows you to bowl for free and get free shoe rentals. Call Vince Benigni at 899-4378 for information or to sign up your team.

* Applications for "Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges" are available at the Information Desk in the Woodard Campus Center,

and in the Office of Dean of Students, 200 Lee Hall. Seniors and juniors who have an acceptable academic average with co-curricular activities are eligible to apply. Applications are to be completed and returned to the Office of Dean of Students by 5 p.m. on Oct. 17.

* The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission is offering a fellowship to U.S. citizens who have received a bachelor's degree by August 1995 and have completed the Graduate Record Examination (GRE). The fellowship program provides full payment of tuition, fees, books, a monthly stipend of \$1,800 and a \$5,000/year cost of education allowance. For applications and additional information, contact Rosa Etta Cox at (615) 576-9279 or Tom Richmond at (615) 576-2194.

* Performances of two one-act plays, "Chamber Music" and "The Fairy Garden," will be held at the duPont Fine Arts Complex in Studio 115 from Sept. 15 through 17 at 8 p.m. A matinee is scheduled for Sept. 18 at 2 p.m. General admission tickets are \$6 and \$2 for senior citizens. For more information call the MWC box office at 899-4330.

* International mathematics scholar Mario Petrich will deliver a public lecture on the topic "Categories of Algebraic Systems" on Thursday, Sept. 14 at 4 p.m. in Trinkle Hall, Room 204. For additional information about the program, contact Dr. Stephen Lipscomb at 899-4344.

College Hires Eighteen New Faculty

By Bryan Tucker
Bulletin Sports Editor

Mary Washington College welcomes an additional eighteen new members of the faculty for the 1994-95 school year, eight of them in ongoing, tenure-track positions.

Many of this year's new faculty choose to come to MWC because of the prominence of the student body and the college in general.

"I chose Mary Washington because of the quality of the students, the excellence of the department overall and the general quality of the college," said Gary Brown, senior lecturer of biology.

There are nine new assistant professors this year with the department of English, linguistics and speech adding the most assistant professors with two. Those two new faces are W. Gardner Campbell, who has a Ph.D. earned at University of Virginia and Christina Kakava, whose Ph.D. is from Georgetown University. Kakava taught for three years at Ohio State University and was a graduate teaching assistant for Introduction to Linguistics at Georgetown.

"I came with very high expectations because I had heard (the students) are excellent and highly motivated students and they have not disappointed me so far," said Kakava.

Christine A. McBride is an assistant professor for the department of psychology with a Ph.D. from University of California. She taught psychology at the University of California-Riverside and hopes to involve more students in research projects.

"I liked the interaction between the students and faculty and that's why I chose to come here," said McBride.

The other assistant professors are Galen DeGraff (business administration), Debra Hydorn (mathematics), Katherine Loesser-Casey (biology), Debra Nails (classics, philosophy and religion), Marjorie Och (art) and Ana Chiechster (modern foreign languages).

Senior Lecturers this school year are Gary Brown (biology), Marc Brown (health and physical education), Miriam Pujals (English, linguistics and speech), Steven Weiner (chemistry) and Scott Fischer (political science). Doug Sanford is an instructor for the department of historic preservation.

"I just want to get familiar with the body of students and get a sense of direction where the department is going," said Sanford, who was a graduate teaching assistant at the University of Virginia.

Pujals is the replacement for Susan Hanna, the deceased English department chair. Fischer is the replacement for Anthony O'Regan in the political science

department, since O'Regan had not returned to campus three days before classes started. Fischer is a qualifier, which is a one-year, non-tenure contract.

A formal search for Hanna's replacement will begin in a few weeks, according to Assistant Vice President for Personnel Offices Shelli Short. Richard Hansen, professor of English is now the English Department chair.

Sanford and Chiechster are the only adjunct professors from last year to be hired to full-time tenure-track positions. Short said she believes that Hanna, Anthony Jimenez and Paul Richards are the only full-time tenure-track professors that are no longer teaching at MWC.

DeGraff is the highest-paid assistant professor at \$43,000. Hydorn and Nails make \$33,000 and Chiechster gets \$32,298. Campbell (\$32,500), Sanford (\$31,000), Kakava (\$30,000) and McBride (\$29,000) complete the salaries for the rest of the new full-time tenure-track faculty.

There is an order of rank to teachers when they come to MWC. The positions from highest to lowest are "distinguished professor," professor, associate professor, assistant professor, instructor and lecturer.

"After five years, (assistant professors) are encouraged to apply for tenure, which is an open-ended long-term contract that gives a strong sense of stability," said Sanford.

Over the summer, eight teachers received promotion: Rosemary Barra, Timothy Crippen, Roy Gordon, George King and Carol Manning were all promoted to Professor. Gordon and Crippen each received a \$1600 raise. Barra, King and Manning had their \$5000 Jepson Fellows Award continued.

Palmer is the new Dean of Faculty, taking over for the interim Dean of Faculty, Richard Hansen. Five Professors were awarded the college's highest academic rank of "Distinguished Professor." They were David Cain (Religion), William Crawley, Jr. (history), Margaret Huber (anthropology), Richard Krickus (political science) and Susan J. Hanna (English) who received the honor posthumously.

Cain, Huber and Krickus received a \$6000 increase in salary with their promotion to "Distinguished Professor." Crawley, Jr., had his endowment as Rector and Visitor's Chair continued instead of the \$6000 increase in salary. Marie Wellington, Rita D'Arcangelo and Vanessa Haley were all promoted to associated professor and received a \$1300 raise.

The Simpson Library also added three new members: Rebecca Elswick, collection development librarian; Robert Grattan, library systems coordinator; and Karen Hartman, bibliographical and reference librarian. In addition, Gano Evans, Sandra White and Vanessa Haley were awarded tenure in their respective fields.

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The likelihood is minimal that a benefits package will be publicly funded under the administration of Governor George Allen, who, according to Vasey, has publicly stated that homosexuality is immoral. Rallis said the Faculty Affairs Committee may face the same dilemma as the College of William and Mary whose faculty has already approved spouse equivalent health care, but will have to sidestep the Commonwealth of Virginia and raise money as an institution in order to provide domestic partner health benefits.

Vasey said that there may be state-level resistance to the proposal. "The state may see this as a slap in the face...but when there exists tension between principle and practice, the college must take the bold step to uphold principle [of nondiscrimination]," Vasey said.

The policy of spouse equivalent health care has already been set at many other institutions including the College of William and Mary, MIT, University of Chicago and Harvard University.

According to a report prepared by the Lesbian, Bisexual, & Gay United Employees at AT&T, adjusting policy to include domestic partner benefits is typically only about one percent of existing benefit budgets. Rallis estimated the cost for MWC as being inappreciable, possibly only affecting five to 10 staff members.

The faculty affairs committee is expected to deliver a decision on spouse equivalent health care to the entire faculty by November 1994. The faculty has the power to overrule any decision made by the committee.

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POLICE BEAT

By Rick Schettler

Bullet Assistant News Editor

Drugs

* On Aug. 31 the City of Fredericksburg Police Department conducted a search in a house on the 800 block of Bright Street and arrested two suspects for possession of marijuana. Two signs belonging to the college were recovered during the search. The signs were valued at \$100.

* On Sept. 3 information was received in reference to a student possessing marijuana in Mason Hall. A consent search was performed and no drugs were found.

Intoxication

* On Sept. 1 Charles Leonard of Brandy Station, Va. was arrested for driving under the influence at William Street and Route 1. Leonard had a blood alcohol content (BAC) level of 0.10.

* On Sept. 2 an intoxicated student was found on Sunken Road and was taken to the health center.

Theft

* On Sept. 1 a banner belonging to the Mother's Rugby Football Club was reported stolen from the Battlefield. The banner was valued at \$130.

* On Sept. 1 a parking decal was reported stolen from a vehicle in the Alvey lot.

* On Sept. 2 a college ID holder and its contents were reported stolen from a student in Dodd Auditorium.

* On Sept. 1 a poster valued at \$7 was stolen from the Student Center.

* On Sept. 1 a purse was stolen from a student in Pollard Hall. The purse was valued at \$15.

Misc.

* On Aug. 31 a harassing phone call was received in Seacobeck Hall.

* On Sept. 1 a complaint was received concerning a loud party on the 2000 block of Princess Anne Street. The complaint was referred to the city police.

Palmer Named Dean Of Faculty

New Dean Sets Scholarly and Administrative Goals

By Aryn Diggie
Bulletin Staff Writer

Newly-appointed Dean of Faculty Barbara Palmer sat in her George Washington Hall office and looked out her third floor window. It was the first day of classes, and for the first time in her career as an English professor, Palmer was not teaching class.

"Everyone needs a break from teaching every thirty years," Palmer said.

Palmer assumed her position as Dean of the Faculty at Mary Washington College Aug. 1, leaving behind her post as a medieval drama specialist at Chatham College in Pittsburgh, Penn. Palmer will be paid \$85,000 a year.

Palmer stands out from other administrators in that she considers herself a scholar first, and an administrator second. Upon her acceptance of the college's offer of employment, Palmer said she secured a promise from the administration that she would have the ability to pursue other scholarly interests.

"The advertisement [for the dean of faculty position] asked for a scholar, got a scholar, and now I have to prove it," Palmer said.

In an initial address to the faculty, Palmer related her experiences as a scholar to suggest her own approaches to administrative work, according to Associate Professor, John T. Morello, who was present at the first faculty meeting. Palmer cited the importance of techniques such as always seeing through work yourself.

"She revealed in her speech the importance of her own work as a scholar," said Morello, "and her work as a scholar is informative as to how she will approach work

as a dean."

As dean, Palmer is responsible for supervising 22 academic departments, recruiting and hiring faculty and presiding at monthly meetings of the general faculty. Palmer also will assist in planning the college curriculum and monitoring academic departmental budgets.

But Palmer also plans to bolster faculty efforts at special projects.

Palmer plans to help faculty and students pursue grants for special projects through organizations such as the National Endowment for the Humanities. The endowment offers joint summer grants for faculty and students.

"The most important things to promote are scholarly interest, intelligent leadership and

interesting, fresh life," Palmer said.

Palmer said she plans to participate in research herself. Upon her acceptance of the college's offer of employment, Palmer insured that she would still have the time and ability to pursue her individual scholarly interests.

Although the college's selection committee offered the position to another candidate before extending the offer to Palmer, college Provost Philip Hall said that Palmer was by no means a second choice. According to Hall, three final prospective deans were equally qualified for the job.

"She [Palmer] exemplifies the highest standards of what the college would expect," Hall said.

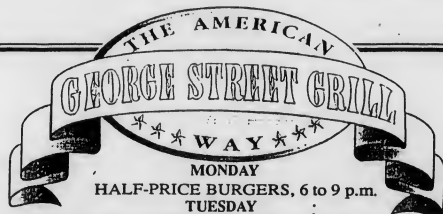


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said. Poynck said the Alumni Association tries to nominate people whom the association believes are both worthy and attractive to the governor. She also said it was not unusual for the governor to choose new members from his supporters.

"The governor looks most favorably on members of his party," Poynck said.

Board of Visitors Chairman Kathleen Mehfoed called the board "cohesive," although the three new Republican members joined a board appointed totally by the two past Democrat governors. Mehfoed described the 1993-94 Board of Visitors as "a board with the one goal: whatever is best for the college."

Thompson participates in several political organizations. She is chair emerita of the Republican Black Caucus, a member of the Republican Party State Central Committee for the Eighth District of Virginia and vice-chair for the Republican New Renaissance Committee of Virginia. In 1993 she was a member of the Transition Committee on Transportation for Governor-elect Allen.

Thompson said, "I would like to endorse the goals of the college," listing academic excellence and multicultural awareness as primary concerns.

"I want to be instrumental and helpful given the growing need of the financial situation right now," Thompson said. "I'm in a learning situation now, but I do have some learning and foresight [from prior experience with other colleges]. I think that is why the governor put me there."

Hearn, a 1958 alumnus of MWC, said she did not know she had been nominated to the Board of Visitors, nor who had nominated her, until the congratulatory call from the governor's office surprised her.

Hearn, who lives in Fredericksburg with her husband Charles "Pete" Hearn, supported Allen locally during his gubernatorial campaign. She is involved in community organizations such as the Mary Washington Hospital Auxiliary, Historic Fredericksburg Foundation Inc. and the Kenmore Association.

Hearn supports MWC endeavors such as organizing class reunions. Her husband started the Pops Concert Series of the College Community Orchestra by persuading Dominion Bank to sponsor the shows.

Hearn, who taught elementary and nursery school from 1958-83, said, "All of the members [of the BOV] are there to improve education. You need a wide variety of experience, people from all walks of life."

Allen appointed Di Benedetto, a 1983 MWC alumnus, to serve Silver's unexpired term. Di Benedetto attended the State Republican Convention twice, representing Winchester in 1993 and Fairfax County in 1978. He serves as chairman of the Winchester Republican Committee. He also served as chairman of the Mary Washington College Republicans in 1981-82 and served in that same year as executive secretary of the College Republican Federation of Virginia.

Di Benedetto said he considers his college years some of the best of his life, remembering when Campus Walk was Campus Drive, the college had its own television

station and Seacobeck introduced the Rose Room.

"I had always looked forward to coming back to serve in some way," Di Benedetto said.

Di Benedetto said he is interested in the rising numbers of eligible college freshmen and the ways the college's plans to establish a new campus in Stafford County, which will be more business-oriented. Di Benedetto feels the restructuring for larger numbers of eligible students also provides the college the chance to be more selective, choosing only the best, most capable students.

Di Benedetto, who served in the United States Army Reserve Military Police from 1984-92 and is now a deputy sheriff, said his background is more blue-collar than most other BOV members.

"I bring a different perspective to the board," he said. "But all members have a common goal. They feel they're service to the college is important."

According to Mehfoed, all board members attended a three-day retreat this summer in Lancaster County. The board elected officers, appointed committees and discussed ongoing issues such as evaluation procedures for faculty, administration and the president, summer renovations and the campus climate.

New challenges facing the board include planning for MWC 2000, a plan for the college's future improvement, and establishing the Stafford campus, said Mehfoed.

The Board of Visitors will hold its first Executive Committee meeting Sept. 6. The entire board will meet Sept. 22-24.

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economy.

Buchanan said, "I thought they didn't get anything done. I actually felt sorry for Virginia."

CNN employee Judy Woodruff served as the moderator for the debate. While Woodruff tried to keep the candidates focused on the issues, the debate quickly turned into an opportunity for the candidates to attack each other and to garner support for themselves. Since the debate was televised locally as well as on national cable, the candidates demonstrated a noticeable interest in their appearances.

As character was a major focus during most of the debate, Woodruff asked Robb about his alleged marital indiscretions.

"I have some dents in my armor," Robb said. Robb defended his record, asserting that he has shown character during his tenure in the Senate by taking politically tough stands and voting accordingly.

Woodruff questioned North about his involvement in the Iran-Contra affair. North claimed that any mistakes he may have made were "in an effort to save lives." North then contrasted the mistakes made during his Iran-Contra involvement with Robb's admitted marital infidelity. "There is no sense of higher purpose in what Robb is accused of," North said.

Coleman said he believes the focus on character issues strengthens his campaign. "There are two candidates who are mired in controversy. What we need in the United States Senate is someone who has respect for the law."

In an after-debate interview, Coleman strongly echoed his "need for change" rhetoric. "Virginia, the land of the Presidents, has become the land of Jay Leno jokes," Coleman said.

Wilder repeatedly cited drugs as the root of most crime issues. "Unless we deal with drugs, we won't get anywhere." On economic issues, Wilder cited his record as governor of Virginia when he "did not raise taxes one cent," challenging Robb to defend his senatorial record

On Campus Walk

Allen Speaks at Courthouse

MWC College Republicans presented a petition to Governor George Allen in support of his initiative to abolish parole for violent crime. Allen spoke Friday, Sept. 2 outside in front of the Fredericksburg City Courthouse to a crowd of about 60 to push for the initiative.

"Like many Virginians, many college students, I feel the need for stronger measures," said Sara Grant, chairman of the College Republicans, who presented the petition with 104 signatures.

Grant called Allen's plan to strengthen crime laws, including his "truth in sentencing" plan stop violent criminals from having reduced sentences for good behavior, the "passion of his administration."

"I'm excited that crime is being taken seriously and that violent criminals aren't being let back out of the street to hurt anybody again," Grant said.

According to Grant, College Republicans will go to the General Assembly in Richmond Sept. 19 to demonstrate before the Assembly's special session discussing Allen's crime proposals.

Field Condition Continues Downhill

Softball Team Practices Elsewhere, Repairs Expected To Be Costly

By Margaret Harrison
Special to the *Bullet*

No games were held at the MWC women's softball field last spring, as it began to slide down into the woods behind the Battlefield complex. Without \$250,000 in repairs completed this spring, play will be halted this year as well.

According to college officials, problems with the field began early in 1994, when the slope to the rear of the field began crumbling into a ditch, taking the field along with it. MWC ground keepers tried to remedy the problem by stabilizing the slope with wooden supports and 500 pounds of rock, which failed to prevent the field's steady downhill progression.

"The problem is more complicated than I expected," softball coach Dee Conway said.

Land Supervisor Joni Wilson suspected the porosity and saturation of the field's upper soil layers were to blame, according to Randolph Myers, athletics grounds supervisor. Teams of civil engineers and geotechnicians were recruited to investigate the situation.

"The reasons for what happened to the field were that the slope behind it gave way due to soil saturation and erosion," Myers said. "Also, the very extreme type winter with hard freezes and quick thaws contributed to the problem."

A rough estimate the cost of repairs to the field is between \$200,000 and \$250,000, according to Business and Finance Vice President Richard Miller.

Last spring, Wilson said that the field's top layer would have to be removed and an impermeable layer be placed

underneath, preventing saturation and leaving the soil dry and stable. Final plans for the field's repair cannot be determined, however, until the choice of a contractor is finalized. According to Miller, the bid date for the repair has yet to be set.

As Wilson and Myers have dealt with technicalities of repairing the field, Conway and the softball team have struggled with the situation as well, playing on local fields in Spotsylvania County. Despite the fact that they are homeless, however, they refuse to let it get them down.

"As a senior, I am disappointed that I may not get to play in our home field again, but I know that everything that can possibly be done about the situation is being done," said softball captain Pam Williams. "I know they're doing the best that they can."

"I've kept a good attitude about it," Conway said, "I know that as long as I keep it positive, my girls will keep it positive."

Special accommodations have been made so that the team can practice on the intramural field behind Goolrick Hall, and there has already been some consideration as to where this spring's home games will be held.

"The top has been pulled off the intramural field so that clay can be brought in to replace it and the field will resemble a real softball field," Conway said. "As far as where we'll play, we're not certain, but we're looking at Walker-Grant, which is a shorter distance than Lee Hill Park, where we played last spring."

Added Conway, "Last year, it caught us off guard, and was a distraction, but this year it won't be a distraction because we are prepared and ready to play."

to the voters.

Wilder directed scathing remarks to both Robb and North, invariably drawing laughter from guests and media alike. Rozzell said, "[Wilder] was good. He was great, actually."

But Rozzell felt that it was a mistake for Robb to agree a debate at a politically conservative college such as Hampden-Sydney.

Rozzell said, "Robb has much more to lose than to gain."

The attacks on Robb included Coleman focusing on Robb's pro-Clinton voting record, Wilder accusing Robb of liberal tax and spend policies and North revisiting Robb's marital infidelity with a challenge to "match his strength of character with anyone's on this stage."

After the debate, Robb said, "If you're an incumbent, it's always tough in a debate, but incumbents know what the facts are and are explaining them all the time."

In Rozzell's view, North was wise to consent to a debate at Hampden-Sydney, and referred to North's performance as a "cult of personality." North also acknowledged that the atmosphere at Hampden-Sydney contributed to the quality of the debate. "I think Hampden-Sydney and the people of Virginia made out like champions tonight."

Rozzell said that North had a certain command over the audience. Even when North strayed from the issues, his supporters backed him enthusiastically.

"Rational arguments don't matter to cult worshippers," Rozzell said.

According to Rozzell, the winner of the election will be determined by the number of candidates still in the race on election day. Rozzell said he feels that North will win a four-man race; however, if Robb and North are the only candidates remaining on Nov. 8, Rozzell sees Robb as the victor.

Grant and Kidd are political science department representatives, and Grant is chairman of the College Republicans.

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Questionable Procedures

The case of a former student government vice-president who was found guilty by a college hearing of sexually assaulting a freshman is finally over as far as the legal system is concerned. The details of the case have been ratcheted over and over. But before the case is completely forgotten we should reconsider the questions raised by the case.

When the Bulletin disclosed in Fall 1992 that junior Robert Abrams was suspended from the college for the year, the college community was in shock. A year later Abrams filed a \$1,000,000 lawsuit against the college, which raised questions about the manner in which the college handled Abrams' trial.

Abrams charged that the college introduced surprise expert testimony of "rape trauma syndrome" in the hearing when no rape was alleged, denied him legal counsel, destroyed evidence in his case, denied him an impartial and complete review on appeal and violated confidentiality.

Abrams also claimed that Roy Weinstock, vice president for planning, assessment and institutional research, made comments in the trial that prejudiced other hearing board members against him. Abrams claimed that Weinstock made comments about "the selective clarity of [Abrams'] testimony."

Though Abrams' allegations did not hold up in court, they still raise concerns about the fairness of our college's hearing process. If a hearing can suspend or dismiss a student from the college and stamp his or her transcript "found guilty of sexual assault," it is essential that the student be given a fair trial.

A student cannot be expected to have a fair trial if he is represented by a student instead of an attorney. His trial will not be fair if surprise evidence is introduced, if evidence is destroyed, or if members of the hearing panel are prejudiced by one member's opinion-filled comments.

We attend a state institution that should not be satisfied with a mediocre sexual assault policy. The ramifications of finding a student guilty without a proper hearing are lifelong. The Mary Washington college policy needs to be reevaluated by legal professionals and altered to meet national standards of legal fairness and justice.

Much Ado About Drinking

It seems that there are groups both in the college and the Fredericksburg community who would prefer that college students and their activities remain nestled safely away in the confines of the Mary Washington campus. The rationale is that there can be no better way to shape us into model students and citizens (and to keep us out of trouble), than in the nurturing care of the professors, head residents, deans and administrators of this fine institution.

Without doubt, many students come to MWC to be intellectually stimulated and enlightened. But college is not just a time for the academic growth of the student, it is for the social and personal growth as well. It is sad but true that some of the best places for social growth are off-campus, and even such places as parties that are in no danger of being busted by an R.A. When a student decides to take the risk of going to a party that has most likely been inundated with varying amounts of alcohol, they have put themselves in an uncontrolled environment where events may unfold in a manner very much outside of their influence. Since the "real world" is a state of having to constantly react to events which are out of one's own control, then dealing with "real" problems in college are a perfect growing experience for anyone who doesn't plan on living in a cave, or worse a dorm, for the rest of one's life.

On that fateful night when the beer bottle left the partner's hand and sailed through the air into a neighborhood living room, the residents of the Franklin Street house which hosted the raucous party were faced with the burden of claiming responsibility for an action which they neither committed nor condoned. The tenants aforementioned offered to replace the window and also offered their apologies. In short, they acted like adults.

The community may not like the fact that college students throw parties but neither can they change that fact any more than they can keep birds from flying over your car and... well, you know. Members of the community should be able to say, "What's done is done," acknowledge the incident, and move on.

Neither they nor the college administration can see this. They would like to see us sheltered in the relatively risk-free environments of MWC, and molded to the liking of our administrators. But students come to college to choose those who would mold them. If some students feel that the mission of the administration is the proper path for them, then they may feel free to follow the rules and guidelines set forth by the college. But if the student feels the need to cut the apron strings and abandon the philosophy of *in loco parentis*, then they should have the option to take risks and learn from their mistakes, to fail and learn from their failures.

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Turn Concept Into Action

By Teresa Kennedy
Guest Columnist

Editor's note: The following is a large portion of the speech Assistant English Professor Theresa Kennedy gave at Convocation in April, 1994.

"Remarks like this are always difficult to make — somehow they invariably appear to take on a greater importance than they should...

"The underlying agenda, as we all know, is really to mark, in some way, the value of your collective and individual achievements... I asked some of my colleagues and friends what kinds of topics might be appropriate to share with you... [these] included honor, diversity, the future, liberal education, family values, politics, integrity, the alumni donation fund, student loans... In short, I was paralyzed. I realized that all of these topics... are in fact moot but for one: the notion of the future.

I know that many of you here this evening have mixed feelings about graduation, you are anxious, frightened, clueless, broke, some of you are desperate enough to be going to graduate school, others of you are taking the more drastic route of getting a job, still others are getting married, and some of you who are getting married are doing so without jobs. But not one of us... knows what's going to happen in the future, so we use ceremonies like this and tomorrow's commencement... to mark these breaks in the continuum of life. We do this precisely because we have no idea what will happen next.

When I started writing up these

remarks I was considerably annoyed by how much of what can be said for these occasions is bounded profoundly by the cliché. For example, "This is one of the most important days of your life." Well, folks, that's simply not true. The fact is that we don't know the most

important days of our lives until after we have lived them. We only recognize important decisions that affect our lives with that wonderful other cliché, "Twenty years from now I will wish I had done this." A far more important day than this one, for example, is the day you decided to go to college; another is which college to attend; these are the kinds of decisions that shape your lives in a much more profound way than do ceremonial events. The day you get married is the day you survive your first real married argument. The day one of your children is born is important, but less so than when you make decisions for them about their futures — vaccinations, schools, child care, books, etc.

Other clichés that are equally

annoying include the obvious ones like "love conquers all," the less obvious ones, "It is the truly dangerous ones. Ones which allow us to park issues of vital importance to shaping and controlling your own future in a now meaningless phrase; for indeed, that is precisely what a cliché is — an expression that is so overused that it has lost its power to convey ideas, especially ideas about moral values and personal decision making."

In fact, clichés are the great danger of language because they render language the moral equivalent of silence. Clichés trivialize

means to prepare for preventing similar events from happening in the future... The allure of these statements is that they give the impression that first of all the past is stable, that history is not just a fiction parading around dressed up as a fact... The second part of the attractiveness of these kinds of statements is in the notion that the theoretical construct behind one's interpretation of the past — yes, I know that it's leaning toward ideology — can in fact be applied by simple symbol or image. It takes a great deal more than memory to turn concept into action. In fact, here is the real danger of the cliché: they are so overconceptualized that they are nearly impossible to act upon. The ribbons that so many of us wear, in symbolic solidarity with a variety of ideologies, carry with them the same danger. It's a good deal easier to wear a ribbon, or use an expression, than it is to choose to live in such a way that truly reflects deeply held beliefs...

In a way, clichés and even ribbons foreclose deep thinking... They create a kind of spoken or visual silence... They become the power of the distraction of rumor and noise. Ribbons, clichés, and other kinds of statements like these don't make anything change, don't make anything better. There will always be uncertainty, anxiety, injustices unless we actively seek to make them stop... Symbols and images... prevent people from understanding events on their own terms. They, in a certain way, prevent people from confronting and resolving for themselves and more importantly for their future selves, because after all, only you can decide

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Teresa Kennedy

"Womin" Stereotyped As Intellectually Inferior

By Nicole Reid
Guest Columnist

Editor's note: The spellings of "womin," "wemin," and "herstory" are intentional by the author and without them, as she states, her "personal politics about fat and lesbianism would be inconsistent and contradictory."

I am writing to express my outrage at the last page of the 1993 Battlefield. On it, there is an enlarged photocopy of a postcard which "was spotted on a door in Alvey." The subject of this enlarged photocopy is a very large woman. She is dressed in a lacy

"Stand By Me". I had hoped that MWC students had long since given up the belief that people who share at least one characteristic (green eyes, black hair, Buddhist, fat) comprise a monolithic group and that these superficial characteristics determine an individual's quality.

The womin on the postcard is a person, just like you or me. Well, maybe more like me than you since I, too, am fat. I have been fat for most of my life. It has taken me 20 years to be able to say/write those words. Yes, I am fat. When I say the words, they no longer hurt. I enjoy my size and am very satisfied with my body. I do not care why I am fat; I like the way I am. But for 20 years I struggled

Womin are perpetually denigrated on the basis of myth and stereotype.

to find a way to like my body in the face of a media, society, schools, and family which despised my size and bought into the multi-million dollar (conservatively) Diet Industry. Please do not misunderstand me, I am not lamenting my herstory. I just want to make it clear that I found it easier to announce

my lesbianism to myself and others in this horribly heterosexist society, than it was to call myself fat without condemning myself for it. That is how ingrained their sense of beauty is. I don't want the "guidelines of beauty" to be rewritten for me and other fat people. Rather, they should be discarded. I want for all bodies, whether large or small, dark or light, hairy or bald, not to be judged at all. I want to be judged on my mind and my behavior, not my weight, which I find as arbitrary as a measure of my value as would be my favorite color. And so, I refuse to sit quietly by while womin and fat people are made the butt of still another joke. And I ask the Battlefield staff to stop perpetuating debilitating myths about womin, fat people, and any other category which does not fit society's concept of worth.

Nicole Reid is a senior majoring in self-designed field of Lesbian and Gay Studies.

Animal Treatment A Reflection Of A Nation

By Patricia Metzger
Guest Columnist

At a fundraiser to save the Rappahannock, I had my first conversation with a new-found friend who asked, "And what do you do for fun? Any hobbies?" Thinking for a few seconds, I replied, "I guess I protest."

"About what?" he asked. "Animal abuse. I'm what Rush Limbaugh calls one of the 'environmental wackos' and 'animal rights crazies'."

He laughed, then asked how much time a person could really spend protesting animal abuse. I think he knew I was serious when I asserted that animal abuse is so widespread, I expect to spend much of the rest of my life protesting one abuse or another, in one form or another. His next question startled me: "You mean there's animals being abused around here?"

With that opening, I could have gone on for hours. Meeting an intelligent, well-spoken and generally informed person, seemingly genuinely perplexed that animal abuse is a daily part of life here in Virginia no longer surprises me, but continues to discourage me.

Just this summer, the Virginia Trappers Association had a display at the Fredericksburg Fair to extol the virtues of the steel-jawed leghold trap. Their representative told me steel-jawed traps really

don't hurt the animals because the trapped leg soon becomes numb. He lamented the fact that he didn't have any actual traps with him because: "If I had one here today, I could let it shut on my hand and you could see it don't break any bones — it won't even break my skin." I told him I knew that was so; then added if he did have a trap on his hand, I would ask him to twist it back and forth to mimic an animal's struggle to get free. That remark ended the conversation.

Speaking of trapping, the city of Norfolk has resumed trapping beavers. Rather than continue to work with the Fund for Animals and the Friends of the Beavers who were wrapping trees and using other nonlethal control measures, the city (without any public warning) simply resumed trapping. Traps pull the beavers underwater, where in pain and terror, they slowly drown. (Drowning is not a method of euthanasia approved by the Virginia Federation of Humane Societies.)

The United Gamefowl Breeders Association meeting in Richmond triggered a protest of cockfighting. With members in 33 states, the Association's current leader, Virginian Clay Brittle, promotes cockfighting and fights against the Humane Society's efforts to eliminate this cruel barbarity. While mostly

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Student Apathy Threatens Voting Outcomes

By Geoff Hart
LAC Chairperson

Each year, Americans are charged with the duty to evaluate which candidate will best represent them. This responsibility comes from the Constitution, Article One, Section Two, Paragraph One, which states: "The House of Representatives shall be composed of members chosen every second year by the people of the several states." A basic problem which remains is that much of the population does not vote each year. For people in our age group, 18-24, the apathy is especially strong with only about 20 percent of the population voting during the 1990 congressional elections. This trend should, and must, be reversed. The choices we make today will affect us for many years to come. How can we leave the responsibility of our future in the hands of our parents and grandparents who vote? We need to act now and vote!

Voting gives us our voice, our ability to complain and find solutions which would benefit us all. When we choose not to use the right to vote, we lose the right to complain since we choose not to work to make it better. Our generation has often complained that the system doesn't care about us or our concerns. Well, Senator Wyche Fowler of Georgia summed this up best when he said, "Students don't vote. Do you expect me to come in here and kiss your a--?" His message was clear; they won't care about us until we start to vote, showing them why they need to care about us. Later that year, Senator Fowler lost

his reelection bid by 7,000 votes because our generation did not turn out to vote in record numbers. We made a difference in Georgia, and we can make a difference in Virginia, too. All it takes is the flip of a switch.

While this seems like a simple process, you need to start thinking about it now. To vote this November, you must register soon. Absentee ballots must be ordered today if you are to receive your ballot in time for the election.

In hopes that Mary Washington College students can be leaders on the way to the ballot box, the Legislative Action Committee is taking the following steps to eliminate voter apathy. On Sept. 14, a voter registration drive will be on campus from 1-4 p.m. This event will kick off "Campaign 1994." A whole series of events in which information on the candidates and their issues will be distributed throughout the MWC community.

On Sept. 28 at 7:30 p.m., Mary Washington will host a town meeting on health care reform: easily one of the hottest issues in this year's election. Experts in the health care industry as well as members of the legislative process will be there to address their concerns and to answer questions.

Finally, transportation will be available to take students to the polls on Nov. 8. This element of "Campaign 1994" is the most important: you actually going to the polls and voting. If we don't take responsibility for our future by standing up and voting, no one will. *Geoff Hart is a junior majoring in economics.*

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banned since the late 1800's, both sides agree on two things:

1. cockfighting today has more participants than ever in U.S. history, and 2. cockfighting is a bloodsport. Cockfighters praise the courage of those birds, covered in their own blood, which will continue to fight blindly, with both eyes pecked out, until their final breath. Animal rights activists are disgusted by the bloodletting. In Fredericksburg, a legal octogenarian, whose prize cock was killed in the pit six years ago, raises a new generation of fighters. As Clay Brittle puts it, "Well, it is a blood sport, I guess. But what in C---- h--- a little blood?"

There were sheep in Spotsylvania Mall's parking lot last week suffering heat prostration on their way to slaughter. Dove season opened over the weekend; their blood will spill as they are shot. The circus arrives in Fredericksburg this week with bears, tigers and elephants tortured to perform, and in psychological pain so great that they often "go berserk." Another call comes in to the animal shelter: a dog's neck is bleeding from an ingrown chain. And a kitten arrives at the SPCA, suffering from wounds inflicted for fun by human tormentors.

Ghandi suggested: "The greatness of a nation and its moral progress can be judged by the way its animals are treated." By this standard, America is still in its infancy. Albert Schweitzer adds: "Until he extends the circle of his compassion to all living things, man will not himself find peace." For me, protesting against animal abuse is a part of my search for inner peace and moral progress... it can also be fun.

Patricia Metzger is an associate professor of business administration.

Skippin' Over The Mason-Dixon Line

By Rob Seidner

"Rob, your accent is so sexy!" was certainly not a comment I expected to hear when I came to Mary Washington. However, statements such as that as well as "It's so cool! Say 'New Jaws' and 'ya'll' along with the expected, 'You're from New York, ain't ya'?" abounded.

While at first I just shook my head in amazement when I heard these comments, eventually I came to accept that at least my accent was a distinguishing characteristic and a good way to stand out in the crowd. Besides, I am not the only Yankee who has gone through the ritual of saying words in a New York accent for the locals. Upon speaking to my fellow Long Islanders, we all agreed that the Virginians simply cannot get over our accents. A great tip an upperclassman from my area gave me was to just say "Hi, I'm Rob and yes I'm from New York," before the inevitable question gets asked of me.

It is not as easy as it appears to adjust to being on the other side of the Mason-Dixon line. A sense of security is lost when a menacing man in a Confederate flag shirt overhears you talking and then whispers to his friend while staring directly at you. It gives us such a warm feeling when the sweet man in the Visitor's Center kindly tells us that "we could be like good Southern boys and pay our respects to 'Stonewall' Jackson's

buried arm, conveniently located just ten minutes away."

Other than Virginians, New Yorkers make up the largest segment of Mary Washington's population. Although we have an extremely diverse population originally from

to have is our "no-fear" attitude. So we may jay-walk a little bit more than the locals and drive a tad more aggressively (I admit that is an understatement). Yet we, too, cover in the face of Seacobeck's selection of food, especially those hidden by sauces.

"...I'm enjoying the concept that I do not always have to appear to be in a rush... although it would be nice if the locals spoke just a little bit faster"

Getting used to the local entertainment, or lack thereof, has been hard. Watching my pet fish Lucky swim around is more exciting than the local television stations. Back in the city, there are at least three radio stations for every type of person's listening pleasure. Here, I'm still trying to find a station that does not play country music or Michael Bolton.

Being out of New York and living in Fredericksburg does have advantages, though. It is nice to breathe fresh air, see stars, and have someone nod their head at you and not feel you are about to be mugged. I'm enjoying the concept that I do not always have to appear to be in a rush to go nowhere, although it would be nice if the locals spoke just a little bit faster.

While it might feel like Mayberry here to many of us, I think that most of my fellow Yankees will agree that this history-laden, beautiful spot of earth that we affectionately call Mary Washington College was the right choice for us. However, I will continue to refuse to say ya'll.

Rob Seidner is a freshman and is, obviously, from New York.

various parts of the state, we all have distinct similarities. First of all, we all miss the food from home. I have not had a good bagel or slice of pizza since I arrived. The deli sandwiches are scrummy and I will not even get started on the lack of a creamy cheesecake.


Another similarity we are all said

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what you can and cannot live with in your own lives, issues that will grow in personal importance, not recede into oblivion...

My best advice to you, if I have any right to give you advice at all, is to ask you to remember to always remind yourself of the most important question anyone can ask of one's self: Is what I believe what I truly believe? What I know to be true? And to never forget that everyone's answer will be different, shaped by unknown events of past and future which is really all the present now in fact is. *Teresa Kennedy is an assistant professor of English.*

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Senior Citizen's Life Offers Benefits For Linguistic Studies



By Jason Kozma
Bulletin Staff Writer

On any given day it is common to see children eagerly telling an adult or older friend about all the exciting adventures of their day. Many residents of nursing homes, however, have fascinating life histories but no one with whom to share them.

Due to a grant from VACOOL (Virginia Campus Outreach Opportunity League), a new program is starting at MWC which will bring together residents of the Chancellors Village Retirement Community and college students.

Sophomore Heather Opie, the only student enrolled in LING 470, will be paired with an elderly resident for a semester to participate in the Life Stories Project. Opie will make frequent and regular visits to her resident, developing a friendly relationship and collecting data through recorded conversations in order to accurately study narratives of the elderly.

LING 470 is a research seminar focusing on children's narratives and on narratives of the elderly (funded by VACOOL). Opie said she is looking forward to the project. In reference to the project Opie said, "This is what I came to college to do, not just taking notes and exams but creating knowledge." She has met once with her resident, Gladys Todd, and is already busy researching to prepare for the next time. Assistant Professor of English and Linguistics Judith A. Parker is overseeing the Life Stories Project. Parker has two definite

goals she wishes to accomplish through her program. She wants to create a beneficial experience for both students and elderly participants through the study of linguistics.

The residents will benefit through the sharing of their life stories and the knowledge that their memories are going to further education.

The students will be gaining first hand knowledge of another generation and using the real world to put in to practice their study of linguistics. Parker said that the program will be "mutually beneficial for both sides involved" and that she expects to get "some historically significant stories." The second goal is to obtain enough information to answer linguistic questions on the narratives of elderly people. The information gathered will be used in other linguistics classes to study the make-up of elderly narratives.

Although Parker has overseen the project and brought a simple concept into reality, the initial idea was conceived by Susan Brock, now a graduate linguistics student at Georgetown University, came up with the idea in an independent study class. She shared her idea with Parker and eventually she mailed a grant application.

The VACOOL grant application states that grants are awarded to "Institutions of higher education or non-profit organizations which implement and institutionalize innovative projects that expand student participation in high-quality sustainable community service and service learning programs."

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Bowen Publishes Highly Acclaimed Book

By Lauren Q. Chadwick
Bulletin Staff Writer

Pioneering into a neglected era of western American history, Mary Washington's Distinguished Professor of Geography, Marshall E. Bowen has recently published a highly acclaimed book. A culmination of more than ten years of research and writing, "Utah People in the Nevada Desert: Homestead and Community on a Twentieth Century Farmers' Frontier" has been praised by Stanford J. Layton, editor of the Utah Historical Quarterly, as "an outstanding contribution to the history of homesteading in the Twentieth Century American West, a subject on which few things have been done at this point."

"Utah People in the Nevada Desert," published by the Utah State University Press, focuses on the toils and tribulations of migrants who settled the railroad and farmed the public lands located in eastern Nevada at the turn of the century and the first few decades to follow. "One thing I'm interested in is how people survived and what life was like living in harsh environments," Bowen said.

Four communities were spotlighted in his book: two Mormon communities and two mainly non-Mormon communities. Bowen said he used this angle to compare and contrast the successes and failures of the communities located near Wells, Nev. He created a "social laboratory," which allows one to view how two different groups of people faced the same problems. With a lot of precise record keeping from official documentation such as land transfers, birth and death certificates, Bowen illustrated how the American settler moved, settled temporarily and lost hope only to move again. All that is left of the Nevada communities of Metropolis,

Afton, Tobar Flat, and Independence Valley are ruins and remnants of lives once lived, Bowen said. There are no living members from the communities, and only a handful of relatives of the original settlers can be found. Because of this, the history of the area is extremely inconsistent, causing research to be a very slow and scattered process.

"It is necessary for the readers to understand that the Twentieth Century farm frontier wasn't uniform. It was very fragmented and very different place to place due to cultural baggage brought by the settlers," said Bowen.

"If his style of teaching is any way reflected in his book it will be a lot of fun to read."

-Beth Moss, MWC freshman

Being a professor at MWC, Bowen said he was somewhat restricted by the amount of time he could give his research, resulting in the extended period it took to complete his book from research to publishing. "Here at Mary Washington, teaching is the first priority. Research cannot be done day in and day out like it can be at other colleges and universities." Even though research is secondary to teaching, it is expected that professors should publish material. An average of four books per year are published by MWC professors. "Utah People in the Nevada Desert" has been on sale at the MWC Bookstore for nearly six months and has been resupplied several times since then due to its popularity. The Bookstore reports that material written by the faculty brings positive attention to the college. Student response to

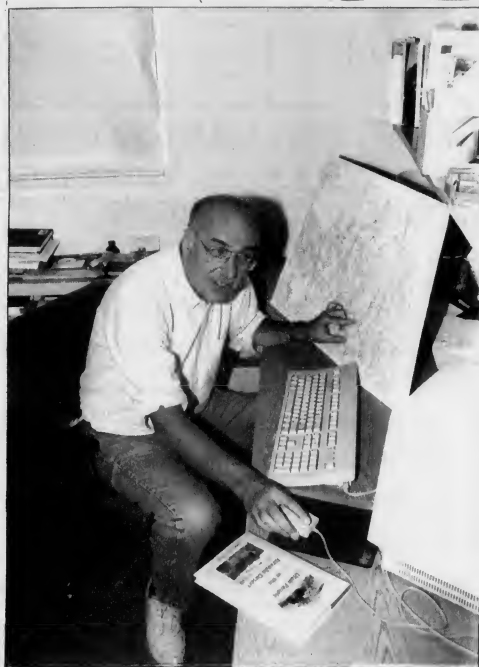
his book is strong, as many of Bowen's students have purchased it. Freshman Beth Moss, who is currently enrolled in one of Bowen's classes said, "I respect Professor Bowen a great deal for publishing his book. If his style of teaching is any way reflected in his book it will be a lot of fun to read."

Assistant Professor of Geography Donald Rallis said, "In the Geography department we are very proud. This is an important part of what academia is all about. There are two audiences: students and the public to whom we must present our work."

Bowen did most of his research locally at the Branch of the National Archives in Soutland, Md. He supplemented this information by traveling to Nevada, visiting the sites of the communities and interviewing those who had memories of the people that had once struggled to live in the settlements.

Bowen synthesized research found in the records of the National Archives, ecumenical records of the Mormon communities and personal interviews to create a book which honestly portrays life in the American west. He said this allowed him to present the settlers "as individuals, with personalities, values, and lifestyles that are not hidden within a mass of impersonal data." Layton praised "Utah People in the Nevada Desert" as "The most detailed analysis of homesteading within a particular geographical area that I have ever seen.... The breadth of original source material, and the manner in which the author has organized and mined them, could well serve as a primer in historical method."

Currently, Bowen is researching the settlers of Southwest Utah and plans to compare the communities there to Metropolis, Afton, Tobar Flat, and Independence Valley in another book. Many of the same socioeconomic variables exist in these communities such as the distance from major cities and how they reacted to similar natural hardships.



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Having recently published his book, "Utah People in the Nevada Desert: Homestead and Community on a Twentieth Century Farmers' Frontier," Geography Professor Marshall Bowen works on his next project.

Former MWC Student Covers Simpson Case As ABC Correspondent

By Keith Apgar
Bulletin Staff Writer

For Judy Muller, working at Seabeck was one thing she immediately recalled about her college experience at MWC twenty-five years ago. In between her 1969 graduation and today, Muller has since become a news correspondent with ABC news in Los Angeles.

It all started one Friday last June when she was put on live with Peter Jennings and Ted Koppel to give a play-by-play commentary of O.J.'s white Bronco cruising down the freeway in L.A. Over the past few months, Judy has been on national television with ABC News reporting the latest happenings in the O.J. Simpson murder case.

Muller has kept some memories of MWC. As a "Seaco-worker," she served as a part-time waitress, a

position since done away with. In talking about her time at Seabeck she remembered "There were these things 'Sara Lee Bavarian Cream Puffs' and they are the only things I remember mentioning about Seabeck.

At the end of the night we would go around collecting all the unclean cream puffs and take them back to our rooms." At the time of the police riots at the Democratic Convention in Chicago and the Vietnam War, things on and around the Mary Washington campus were fairly quiet compared to the rest of the country reported a pensive Muller. "Other parts of the country were heavily into drugs and alcohol, but Mary Washington was a few steps behind. It was southern, and conservative, and it was repressed" Muller said.

The drug habits of the MWC student body wasn't all that justified Muller. After Martin Luther King, Jr.

was assassinated, Muller and a few other students tried to get a scholarship fund organized in his name to benefit would-be black students of MWC. She said a lot of doors were slammed in her face.

The annual May Queen ceremony in which young women danced around the May Pole with long ribbons was an event that Muller mentioned in a recent interview. She remembered the event, or at least the May Pole, as a classic phallic symbol and called the whole ceremony a "silly pagan fertility rite." Muller summed up her monologue with "candidates ran around the all-female campus and we voted one of them the 'May Queen' on the basis of looks."

So it seems Muller was always an objectional and a pronounced remonstrant, always letting it be known to those around her of her dissent towards anything and

everything around her. This was made apparent throughout her career with the school newspaper that still carries the same name. Muller was a reporter for the Bulletin.

Muller wrote for the features section of The Bulletin, doing various reviews of movies and editorials. She occasionally worked herself into trouble with her writing. Referring to one occasion, Muller said, "I wrote a column saying that if women wanted to be truly equal, they should be drafted to serve in Vietnam just like the men. I don't think my viewpoints were real popular there." She admitted that she often wrote to get people thinking, but along with this thinking came other things, too - angry things.

A freshman year spent in Willard Dorm did not seem to excite Muller too much. And a second and third year in Mason Hall even less so.

Dorm life just didn't measure up to what it could have been. When asked if she was ever written up for "being bad," Muller called herself a "real do-bee," referring to that crazy bee from Romper Room, the Do-Bee, that used to jump around spreading love and happiness. But Muller let on that she was a real-life weekend warrior back in the sixties. An honors student by the weekdays, and a nut by weekend. She used to charge two dollars a head for rides to UVA in her enclosed Dodge van.

As a senior, Muller was among the first students at MWC to be permitted to live off campus. However, the parties at her place were low key because she and her roommates feared they were being watched too closely.

When questioned about her transfer from a college publication to a national television news

correspondency, Muller said she simply "always plugged away." She also added, "You don't have to know anyone, just do your work well and they'll find you." She worked her way up doing random jobs with small newspapers in New Jersey for very little money. Muller moved on to radio, doing a show Sunday mornings in New York. "ABC called and said they really liked my writing and asked if I would like to work on TV. And that's how it all happened," she said.

In her work with ABC, Muller has served as a general assignment reporter for "World News Tonight With Peter Jennings," "20/20," and "Nightline." Covering such stories as the Malibu fires, both Rodney King trials, and the Menendez brothers trial, among others. Fifty percent of the stories she does are original, the

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SPORTS

SPORTS BRIEFS

Women Win Opener

Junior midfielder Stephanie Teter led the women's soccer team to a 4-1 victory over the College of Wooster Saturday afternoon at the Battleground.



Stephanie Teter

Teter had a part in all three second-half goals, with a goal and two assists. She scored 26 seconds into the second half, making the score 2-0. The first goal was scored by senior co-captain Mary Beth Leightley late in the first half from an assist by freshman mid-fielder Michele Beagan.

Also scoring were sophomore fullback Kim Hrabosky and junior forward Julie Mason on Teter's assists. Wooster scored in the final minutes to make the final score, 4-1.

Men Suffer Tough Loss

Eastern Mennonite's Clay Rosenberger scored a late goal in the second half to defeat the men's soccer team, 2-1. Saturday afternoon at Eastern Mennonite University.

Senior forward David Holt scored from 20 yards out to tie the game at one apiece early in the second half. The goal was assisted by junior fullback Mike York. This weekend the men's soccer team (0-1) hosts the MWC/Pizza Hut Classic.

Clark Keys Rugby Victory

Junior flanker Sammy Clark scored a total of 10 points in a 32-14 victory over George Mason in the season opener of Mother's rugby.

Clark scored on a penalty kick, extra kick and a 45-yard try. George Mason closed on to 15-14 early in the second period, before Mother's broke open the game on three straight runs, to make the final score 32-14. Clark, senior center Andy Tuomey and senior winger Steve Boyd were responsible for the three tries.

The B-side won a close one, 17-14, to George Mason Saturday afternoon. Sophomore scrum half Bill Sherman, freshman winger Vincent Williams and freshman Ed Krite scored tries for the rugby team.

The next home match will be at the Battleground at 2 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 10. The women's rugby team will play at 11 a.m.

Bullet Player of the Week

What? Whasup with this? Yes, starting next issue, Bryan Tucker, sports editor, and Colin Whitehouse, assistant sports editor will be choosing the first inaugural Bullet Player of the Week.

The player or players will be chosen due to their athletic accomplishments from the week of Sept. 4-11. There will be a total of five nominees for the past week's sporting events. There is no prize for winning this prestigious honor, except for the congratulations and recognition the player will receive from the student body.

Upcoming Events...

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| Sept. 8 | Field Hockey at Sweet Briar College, 4:30 p.m. |
| Sept. 9 | Women's Tennis vs. Catholic at the Battleground, 3:30 p.m. |
| Sept. 9-10 | Women's Volleyball at Greensboro Invitational, 5 p.m. |
| Sept. 10-11 | Women's Soccer at Messiah College Classic |
| 10 | MWC vs. Messiah College, 7:30 p.m. |
| 11 | MWC vs. Univ. of Rochester, 2 p.m. |
| Sept. 10-11 | Men's Soccer in MWC/Pizza Hut Classic at Battleground |
| 10 | Virginia Wesleyan vs. Tusculum 1:30 p.m. |
| | MWC vs. Stevens Institute, 3:30 p.m. |
| 11 | Va. Wesleyan vs. Stevens Inst. 12 p.m. |
| | MWC vs. Tusculum, 2 p.m. |
| Sept. 10 | Cross Country at VCU Invitational, 9:30 a.m. |
| | Women's Tennis at Sweet Briar College, 11 a.m. |
| Sept. 11 | Field Hockey at Sweet Briar College, 2 p.m. |
| Sept. 13 | Women's Volleyball vs. Gallaudet University at Goolrick Gym, 6 p.m. |
| Sept. 14 | Women's Soccer at Virginia Wesleyan College, 4 p.m. |

Cross Country To Try "Pack" Attack

By Brendan Kelly
Bulletin Photo Editor

A "pack" style of running will be featured this season by both the men's and women's cross country team due to the loss of key runners from last year's programs.

"I do not feel that at this time we have any all-American type runners on either squad, however we can make up for this with the team-oriented pack style of running," said men's and women's coach Stan Soper. Soper has guided the men's team to four straight CAC titles, and women's teams to three straight CAC titles.

On the men's side, Soper said he feels that the team has some question marks. This is not surprising considering the fact the men's team lost four of the seven runners who represented MWC in the NCAA Regional Meet last fall. This year, the fate of the men's team will rest on the shoulders of former all-CAC runner Jon Gates, who did not return to school this semester for academic reasons.

"Obviously losing Jon hurts us a lot this year and hopefully this opens the door for other people and maybe someone will take advantage of it and step up," said Soper.

The door is open for a relatively young men's squad which consists of four freshmen. Soper said he believes that there is a good enough mixture of juniors, sophomores and freshmen to have a "nice season." He is worried

about the freshmen's ability to run the eight-kilometer college distance.

Co-captain Pete Steinberg said, "While we are a young team and people are going to count us out at first, come the end of the season we are going to be a potent force in the conference."

Co-captain Mike Britton said he feels that if this year's team is going to be successful at packing it in during the races, they are going to have to communicate a lot better as a team. Since Gates was consistently finishing first last year the team was never forced to run in a packed style.

"I think that we are going to be a better team this year without Jon [Gates], not only because it places more responsibility on the guys to cross the finish line together, but I also think that this year's team has a lot more chemistry," Britton said.

As captains, Steinberg and Britton have one goal in sight: to place better than third in the NCAA Regional Meet something last



Co-Captain Pete Steinberg tries to navigate uncharted waters.

Brendan Kelly/Bullet

year's team could not do. Britton said he feels this young team is quite capable of surprising a lot of the regional teams who think that the team has lost a step since Gates is not running.

On the women's side, the graduation of Karen Dickenson was the only significant loss from last year's team.

Elta Agan and Allison Coleman are the captains for the women's squad this year. Both women have shown poise and

dedication in the past and hope to offer guidance to this year's squad. They feel that it is up to all of the upperclassmen to provide leadership and to be role models for the new runners.

"Even with four new freshmen on the team, the squad will be very strong and if the freshmen can contribute early in the season it will give the team great depth," Agan said.

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Women's Tennis Hopes To Serve Up Another Successful Season

By Kate Dube
Bulletin Staff Writer

With all but one player back from the 12-8, Capital Athletic Conference Championship team, things look pretty good for the 1994-1995 women's tennis team.

However, that one player missing was graduate Leslie Roland, a name well-known to Division III tennis. Roland was the No. 1 seed at singles and doubles for MWC the past two years. Last year, she was named as an All-American for the second year in a row, in addition to earning the honor of CAC Player of the Year. Roland was an NCAA semifinalist following a 31-9 singles season and is now as assistant coach at Allegheny College in Pennsylvania.

"Losing an All-American at number one is a tough loss," said Head Coach Edward Hegmann. "Although we still have experience at the top, and a freshman coming in at number two, which is excellent, it will be harder to make the national championship."

Hegmann said, "But making the national championship is always a goal, and it is this year, too."



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#3 seed junior Kate South

The experience at the top comes from senior Beth Todd, last year's No. 2 singles seed and Roland's doubles partner. Todd holds an impressive record as well, going 31-11 at No. 2 singles and 17-5 in doubles. Last year, Todd won CAC singles and

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Intensity Marks Conway's V-Ball Squad

By Keith Appgar
Bulletin Staff Writer

Dee Conway was in a car accident a few years ago on the way to her high school teaching job. One morning, after a snowstorm, Conway did not feel the need to wait for the trucks to clear the roads. She decided to plow through the snow and ice herself. As Conway veered around a curve she flipped the Ford Escort she was driving and landed in a ditch alongside the road. Luckily, Conway came out of it with a headache and a slightly upset stomach.

That incident probably would never have happened had she waited for the roads to be cleared. But that is how Dee Conway, the women's volleyball coach at Mary Washington College, operates. She does not wait for things to happen, she makes things happen.

Conway's pre-season practice schedule had the team in the gym at 6 a.m. in the morning, conditioning their bodies for the upcoming season. With an emphasis on defense and passing, the practices ran until 7:15 a.m. each morning.

But that was the beginning of the year. Now the team practices from 3:30 p.m. to 6 p.m., five days per week.

Conway sees coaching as an extension of teaching. "I hope they will utilize what they learn on court in real life," Conway said.

Conway strongly stresses the importance of academics in a varsity players schedule. Conway said, "They are here for education first, no doubt about it!"

The team has had one match thus far, which resulted in a loss to Marymount, 3-15, 15-13, 15-2, 15-8. The game was played as a non-conference match.

This upcoming weekend, the team is playing a tournament in Greensboro, N.C. They will meet Greensboro and Guilford on Friday at 4 p.m. and 6 a.m. respectively, with a possible matchup with Maryville on Saturday. Conway said all teams in the tournament are typically strong.

Conway mentioned a few prospects on the fairly young squad this year. Among them were Angie Long, a junior hitter out of Warrenton, Va. "Angie is a tremendous athlete and will be a major part of our offense. She should step into the number one hitting position," said Conway.

"I am expecting big things from Melissa Dowell, Julie Bartlett, and Sarah Burgess," said Conway, taking time to refer to Bartlett as "captain mouth" in reference to her vocal, on-court playing style. Freshman Mary Baldwin is expected to be the first player off bench.

Bartlett said, "We have a challenging season ahead because we're very young. We have to start working together."

Conway said the team had to play under "controlled intensity," while still "playing as hard as they can, non-stop."

Benigni Quietly Runs The Show

By Colin Whitehouse
Bulletin Assistant Sports Editor

The person responsible for those gray programs each fan picks up at MWC sporting events is Vince Benigni, sports information director (SID). Considering the hours of hard work put into those programs, it would seem nearly impossible to organize them for all the sports on-campus.

Those programs, however, are just a small part of the workload for the sports information director.

"My primary responsibility is media information for the 21 sports here at Mary Washington," said Benigni.

In addition to keeping the Free Lance-Star and the Bulletin up to date, Benigni sends hometown releases each week to the local newspapers of the athletes who excel at MWC sports.

"We have a lot of out-of-state athletes, and besides personal recognition, it also helps get the colleges name out to other areas," said Benigni.

Statistical upkeep is Benigni's forte. Considering the abundance of statistics that amass throughout the year, it must be his specialty. Benigni runs in statistics to the NCAA Statistics Bureau and to the Capital Athletic Conference. Benigni compiled the CAC's statistics in the past but passed that duty onto Kevin Fillman of Goucher College.

Benigni finished his undergraduate work with a degree in journalism from Indiana University in Pennsylvania. He then held an internship at the Sports Information Director office approximately one hour north of Pittsburgh. While attending Slippery Rock University for a graduate degree in English, Benigni held a graduate assistantship in sports information.

From there, Benigni moved onto the United States Naval Academy. For two years at the Naval Academy, Benigni was the assistant SID for basketball.

Though the Naval Academy is not a powerhouse basketball school, Benigni's first year happened to coincide with the senior year of the David Robinson, National Player of the Year. Robinson currently plays for the San Antonio Spurs and is a highly-acclaimed player.

"In my first year, my phone rang off the hook," said Benigni. "I had to keep up with [David Robinson's] statistics

and coordinate interviews."

Benigni said it was a great experience, traveling to games at UNLV, Michigan State, Kentucky and finally, the National Tournament.

Benigni decided to move on after his two-year stint at the Naval Academy. He applied for the job at Mary Washington after catching an advertisement for the open position in an NCAA news magazine.

The sports information director position at MWC is obviously on a much smaller scale than the position at the Naval Academy. However, Benigni's responsibilities are not

"small." Besides the programs, Benigni puts out the short pamphlets on each team on the campus. The pamphlets contain an outlook, coaches' biography, preview and information on the admissions process at MWC.

Take notice that each pamphlet is the same size, whether it be men's basketball or men's cross country.

"At larger schools they focus on revenue sports, but here every sport is treated the same," said Benigni.

As a host of regional of national playoff tournaments, Benigni also handles business aspects. That may seem like an occasional event for most schools, but MWC's sporting success and superior Battleground Complex are constantly luring both regional and national playoffs.

"I must drop everything when we host regional and national playoffs," said Benigni. "We've had national's twice, for field hockey and women's soccer, and regionals several times, for field hockey, men's and women's soccer and baseball."

Benigni's also found time to redecorate the interior of Goolrick Hall. He added the Wall of Fame, keeps up with the bulletins throughout the gym and cleaned up the trophy cases.

In addition to his regular duties, each semester Benigni supervises five students in internships.

"I feel like I am really appreciated by both the coaches and the students," Benigni said. "At bigger places they expect a lot out of you and you don't get much thanks."

Benigni said he enjoys his hectic job here and does not expect to leave anytime soon, but he admits that his eyes are always open. More importantly, he does not let his busy schedule interfere with his marriage to Mendi Benigni who is a budget assistant in George Washington Hall.



Vince Benigni

ENTERTAINMENT

A New Way To Play

By Rob Thormeyer
Bulletin Assistant Entertainment Editor

The typical pool hall rarely commands a dress code, offers a full dining room, or exudes more warmth than a gas station bathroom. But with solid oak, brass railings and wall to wall carpeting, Shooters, Fredericksburg's newest pool hall, has the atmosphere of a pricey country club pool room.

"It's not what you would expect from a pool hall," explained manager Mark Geslock.

Jim Nikitakas, who owns several restaurants in the Fredericksburg area, including Houston's, Sophia Street Station, George Street Grill, Santa Fe Bar and Grill, the Grapevine, Christopher's, and Spirits, is the man behind Shooter's.

Carved out of what was once a Safeway, the Shooter's atmosphere creates a feeling of comfort rarely found in a pool hall. According to Geslock, Shooter's was created because of a lack of nice places to play in town.

"My wife likes to play pool, but there was no place to take her because when you think of the [typical] pool hall, you usually imagine a smoky, dark atmosphere. Shooter's is the opposite," he said.

Shooter's has sixteen full size Brunswick pool tables which charge three dollars per person per hour. Chairs and small tables surround the walls for those either waiting to shoot or just watching the action. For those who are more content with sitting down and just relaxing, there are two big screen televisions (one of which is closed caption), a bar, and an arcade room.

Shooter's also offers full dining room services. Aside from the actual dining room, the servers will bring food to the customers while they are playing. For dinner, Geslock recommends either the steak and cheese sandwich or the burgers; for desert, the mudpie, and for breakfast is served at midnight until two a.m. on weekdays and until 6 a.m. on weekends for those die hard pool sharks who play all night.

Aside from the food and the pool tables, the most intriguing aspect of Shooter's is the comfortable atmosphere. "You tend to think of pool halls as smoky, dark places with bunches of drunken men, but this place defies the image," MWC freshman Elisabeth Reiter said.

MWC freshman Cheyenne Bray agrees. "It's really nice. It's something to do on a Friday night, play pool, meet people. It's pretty relaxed," he said.

Two of their main influences, which is evident through their hard-driving guitar riffs and brusquely syncopated drumming style.

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Vicki Fellows, a bartender at Santa Fe, enjoys the Sore Losers for a variety of reasons.

"They're pretty good, plus they have been bringing in more business which is good for us," she said.

The number of fans, as well as the acoustics, were limited by the space confines of the bar, which also houses two pool tables, a flashing electronic dart board, and a futsal table but the energy of the room did not suffer.

Even those patrons engaged in shooting pool paid full attention to the Sore Losers during of the set, banging their pool cues in time to the beat, or strumming out imaginary solos on make believe guitars.

MWC alumni Jennifer Dockeray expressed excitement about the show. "They're the perfect band to get f--- up to, sit back and love it," she said. Although it was often difficult to decipher the lyrics to their songs, the band thrives more on attitude and aggression than on coherent vocals. Guitarist Larry Hinkle is used to managing whatever playing circumstances

A Group of Losers

Local band finds its niche

By Ryan Daugherty
Bulletin Staff Writer

For most bands, chants of "losers, losers," at the end of each song would not indicate a positive response from the audience. Not so for the Sore Losers, whose raucous ninety minute set enthralled a near capacity crowd at the Santa Fe Bar and Grill last Friday night. Despite sub-par equipment, namely a temperamental microphone system, the band delivered an invigorating performance which featured an eclectic mix of musical styles. Punk rock, reggae, and even a Tennessee Stomp graced the aural pathways of appreciative fans. The band exuded informality while keeping its bite.

The losers cite Firehose and the Meat Puppets as influences.

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come his way.

"We've played in a lot of smaller places. The Irish Brigade is the only real venue around here," he said.

The members of the Sore Losers, Shannon Elder, Mark D. and Hinkle, came together in December 1993 from two other local bands KASH and Strangers on a Train. Elder admits to a rather impromptu naming of the group shortly after receiving a call for their first gig. They decided on the moniker during a shift in the Sammy T's preroom.

"I like the loser element a lot," Elder said.



Cara Fitzpatrick/Bullet
The Sore Losers relaxing before the gig. From left to right: Mark D., Shannon Elder, and Larry Hinkle.

Despite their beatnik image, the Losers maintain a strictly professional attitude towards musical performances. All three band members insist that they stay drug and alcohol free while playing in front of audiences.

"When I write a song, I write it when it comes to me. If I'm drunk or whatever, fine, if I'm not, fine. It happens when it happens," Mark D. said about the creative possibilities of drug use in writing songs.

Elder echoed this statement, saying that there was a time in which he would engage in free form jams for audiences while under the influence, but he opts not to do so any more. Hinkle had little to say in the matter, but agreed that he performs best without chemical use.

The Sore Losers' first eponymously titled seven inch recording is scheduled for release sometime in mid-October, and will contain four original songs.

The manager for J.J.'s was unavailable for comment as the billiards parlor is currently remodeling. The pool hall plans to reopen on September 10. It is unknown whether or not J.J.'s remodeling is directly related to the opening of Shooter's.

The only competition in Shooter's can be found in the restaurant itself, where nobody wants to come out on the losing side. "I made the shot on the eight ball! Unfortunately, I did not call the shot so [we] lost," conceded frustrated MWC freshman David Layman. Layman realized soon after his loss what really mattered. "It's still been fun."

However, as Bray pointed out, the fun at Shooter's is relative to the amount of cash in the patron's wallet.

"[A]nother improvement would be to lower the cost. Three dollars per person per hour with a large group can get expensive; not to mention drinks," said Bray.

Reiter agreed, "It was on the expensive side, but it is about the same price as a movie, and it's closer [to campus] than the movies."

Several patrons of Shooter's, said that the pool hall could ban smoking. In comparison to other Fredericksburg night-life activities, Reiter added that "I had a much better evening at Shooter's than I had at Mother's."

But the remaining question yet to be answered is why this type of pool room in this area. "Fredericksburg is ready for one," Geslock simply explained.

Shooter's has a capacity of approximately 140 people who, according to Geslock, can be "either playing pool or just spectators."

Located in the same shopping center as Papa John's pizzeria, Shooter's is only a five minute drive from the MWC campus. The closeness to the school also adds to Shooter's unique location. The restaurant is in walking distance of MWC.

As MWC freshman Mara Buzzell put it, "This place rocks! It's mellow but entertaining and the juke box has good music. [Shooter's] has a nice, classic, traditional atmosphere."

Jason Fanning, another MWC student, couldn't agree more. "I'm comfortable here," he said.



Bullet Staff Photographer
An MWC Shark lines up for the kill at Shooters.

By Kelly Regan
Bulletin Staff Writer

Unbridled scenes of splattered blood and gore fill 90 percent of "Natural Born Killers." The other 10 percent is a moralistic denunciation of the media's aggrandizement of violence. Is Oliver Stone a satirical genius or is the pot calling the kettle black?

The title of the movie refers to its co-stars, Mickey and Mallory Knox (Woody Harrelson and Juliette Lewis), who fall in love and marry shortly after torching Mallory's mother and drowning her sexually abusive father (Rodney Dangerfield) in a fish tank, the first of 52 killings. Harrelson and Lewis compliment each other nicely—the string of exploding bodies, sex, drugs, four-letter words and more violence isn't dull for a minute. With his extraordinary, innovative film flair, Stone makes killing look like great all-American hedonistic fun. As Mallory says to Mickey, "You make every day feel like kindergarten."

Intermingled with the carnage is the repetitious message that violence, planted in the home and nurtured by television, is today's greatest social evil. The social commentary starts off with the "I Love Mallory" sitcom in which Dangerfield makes Archie Runkler/Bundesque chauvinistic, abusive overtures toward his wife and daughter. "American Maniacs" hosted by Robert Downey Jr. is a parody against the shoddy "investigative

journalism" of Hard Copy and A Current Affair. The finale is a barrage of media blitzes surrounding the Eric and Lyle Menendez and O.J. Simpson trials to highlight the American obsession with murder.

Instead of feeling ashamed of the sick glorification of violence that surrounds our culture, we leave the theater thrilled, shouting "Murder Me, Mickey!" and run to buy the soundtrack. Mickey and Mallory walk into the sunset, free, married, with three kids and another on the way. They're life, a "candyland of murder and mayhem," appeals too much to our de-sensitized TV warped brains for Stone to accomplish the "modern equivalent version of Voltaire and Swift," as he mentions in press material for the movie, according to The Washington Post. Sophomore Kristen Romano summed it up by saying, "It was great-I wanted to go out, buy a gun and kill someone!"

"I grew up here [in Fredericksburg] and I remember what it's like to be 18 and to have nothing to do on a Friday night," he said.

"We want to attract couples, young people, and old people. It's a good place for a first date," added Geslock.

While Shooter's lacked a huge grand opening, one is being planned.

"We had a soft opening, we just opened the doors and let a happen," Geslock explained. The grand opening will occur in approximately three to four weeks.

Shooter's is also sponsoring fall leagues which will have sign ups until the last week in September.

Geslock also feels that Shooter's is comfortable

Natural Born Killers

By The Way...

Aug. 26 - Sept. 18: Exhibit opening, "Antique Attire: Clothing that Conceals and Reveals." Westmoreland County Museum and Library, Montross, Va. 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. daily.
Friday, Sept. 9, Concert, The Dixie Power Trio, to benefit the Rappahannock Council Against Sexual Assault, sponsored by MWC National Organization of Women. Tickets are on sale for \$10 at the RCASA, 607 William St., and Hutchison Ltd., 810 Caroline St.

Local Music Scene

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Friday, Sept. 9, Bluebeards Closet, (alternative), Mothers Public House.
Friday, Sept. 9, Up Root, (Ska), The Irish Brigade.
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Saturday, Sept. 10, In Theory, (classic progressive), The Irish Brigade.

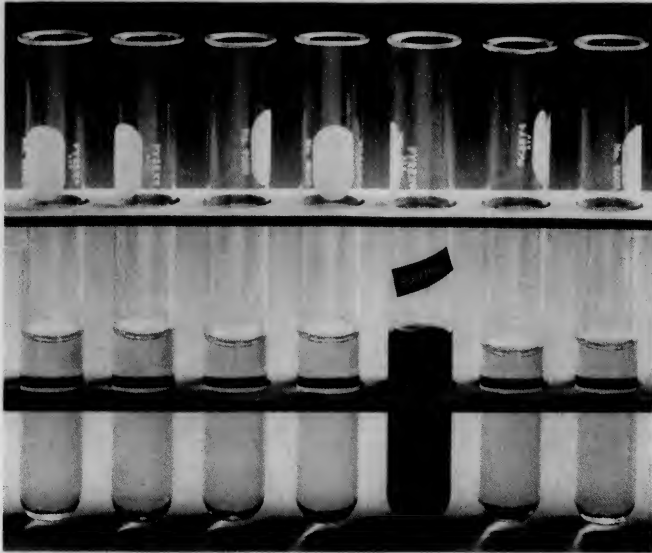
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2.	Sky Cries Mary	This Timeless Turning
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4.	Lush	Split
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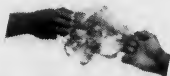
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other half are assignments.

Most recently, though, the O.J. Simpson case has highlighted her career. "The day it all happened was the wildest day I've ever had in the business," she said. She added, "It was so weird because it was all happening a mile from my neighborhood. I used to run into O.J. in the laundryman."

The story that gave her career a boost was an earthquake story a few years back. She offered a humorous anecdote to go along with her story. "Ted Koppel and I were going live for something like five hours and at one point, the building I was in had no electricity. So there was this light on my face powered by a generator. The camera had gone to Ted and the lights came back on in the building and I said 'Oh, no!' Ted heard this in his carpool and thought there was another earthquake, and told the whole nation that there was another earthquake. I just said 'Watch it Ted!' It's kinda funny, I caused an earthquake!"

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doubles championships and competed in the NCAA singles and doubles championships.

This year, Todd takes over at No. 1, following the success of Roland is not a problem for her.

"It feels good to be here, and I know I have big shoes to fill," said Todd. "But it's good to have a crack at the top."

Todd said, "There wasn't a lot of rivalry between us, especially since we were doubles partners. But, I feel that even more than my playing ability, my positive attitude as a leader is what I can pick up where she left off."

Todd shares in Hegmann's hopes of reaching the national championships. Her goal is to do even better than last year, as an individual and as a team. She wants to be a positive influence as the No. 1 player, but appreciates the effort of the entire team.

"They're just as important," she said. "Everyone is putting in the same amount of team spirit, practice and effort."

Todd is matched in doubles with freshman Kirsten Erickson, of

Duluth, Minnesota, at No. 1 doubles. Erickson is one of two freshmen to make the top six and will compete at No. 2 singles.

Junior Kate South returns at No. 3 singles, following her 1993 season of 20-10. South will team up for the second year in a row with sophomore Jen Cogar, who will once again play at No. 4 singles.

Also returning is sophomore Jaime Evans. As a freshman, Evans was 11-8 at the No. 5 spot. She will play this year as well, in addition to returning at No. 3 doubles. She is paired this year with freshman Judy Allen, who rounds out the singles starters at No. 6.

"The sixth through tenth positions are all very close, very evenly matched," said Hegmann. He has already witnessed some tough battles for starting positions. The lineup is still open to change as players on the team face each other in challenge matches to move up in the order.

Junior Kristie Baynard, and freshmen Laura Babb, Mandy Grandle, and Swapna Deshpande are all hoping to break into the top six spots.

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Coleman said, "It seems as if the freshmen trained aggressively over the summer and should make an instant impact in our upcoming races."

As of now there is no front runner on the women team. This leaves the number one spot open for numerous individuals.

The key for women's team just like the men will be the "pack" style of running. Soper said, "The entire squad, both men and women, is going to be competitive. It appears that this year's group will all be close to each other at the finish line."

The women's team would like to win their fourth straight CAC title this year, and their fifth straight Mason Dixon tournament.

"One of my own personal goals would be to win the state title. In my three years here at MWC, we have always lost to Washington and Lee, and I hope that in my final year, we can take the crown," Agan said.

Both Agan and Coleman feel that if the team can consistently pack it in during the first couple of meets and remained focused, then they hope the team can gain a spot in the NCAA national meet.

The cross country teams have no home meets this fall because of the construction at the Battlefield complex.

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